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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



At the beginning of the period, egg prices were unchanged to higher in all areas, and later in the period, larger sizes were making additional gains. Trade sentiment steady to firm, mostly fully steady. Retail and distributive demand continues in a full range, light to good and noted as improving. Retail features continue to generate the best movement. Supplies continue to be mixed - from in close balance to adequate - with some reporting inventories being built up with anticipation of the upcoming Easter holiday. Breaking stock prices unchanged. Adequate offerings for the fair at best demand with most breakers satisfied with regular commitments and company owned production. Finished product buyers cautious and buying for immediate needs only. Floor stocks adequate. Trade sentiment steady. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample. The market tone remained steady.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	102-104	93-95	68-70
New York	77-79	74-77	62-65
Philadelphia	70-77	68-75	59-62
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	63-64	61.5-63	53-54
Jackson (1)	73-74	70-71	62-63
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	74-88	72-86	60-74
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	65-70	63-68	52-57
Detroit (2)	62-65	61-63	50-54
Major Ohio Cities (2)	61-66	60-64	49-54
Major Wisconsin Cities	64-71	62-69	52-59
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	82-83	79-80	67-68
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	100	94	84

- (1) - Prices reported weekly  
(2) - Delivered Warehouse  
(3) - Reported Invoice prices

**SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA** FOR WEEK ENDING 05-Mar-99  
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	72.32	69.95	60.82
SOUTHERN	69.62	67.92	57.86
MIDWEST	62.93	61.58	51.44
WESTERN	89.76	85.98	76.41
TWELVE METRO AREAS	76.22	73.63	64.02

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	03-09-99	03-02-99	03-10-98
Large	43-45	41-43	50-52
Medium	32-34	30-32	34-36

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-** AM Mar. 08, 1999  
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.9	11.1	6.2	7.5	8.4	43.1
	Change	-1.6	0.2	0.6	0.7	1.0	2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	35.7	26.1	11.7	26.1	19.5	119.1
	Change	4.5	2.5	1.8	5.9	2.8	17%
Large	Curr Wk	63.2	77.9	50.9	66.7	106.1	364.8
	Change	4.2	3.4	-3.1	19.0	9.8	10%
Medium	Curr Wk	17.1	27.4	18.7	13.2	21.4	97.8
	Change	1.6	-1.6	-0.8	-0.1	0.0	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	4.9	5.9	3.4	4.0	7.3	25.5
	Change	-1.4	-0.5	-0.5	-0.9	-4.8	-24%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.4	15.5	9.7	6.7	5.1	41.4
	Change	0.1	3.0	-2.3	-0.3	-1.3	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	49.7	64.2	13.0	35.1	55.0	217.0
	Change	10.2	-2.5	2.8	4.0	4.5	10%
Total	Curr Wk	184.9	228.1	113.6	159.3	222.8	908.7
Percent	Change	11%	2%	-1%	22%	6%	7%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	908.7	7%	165
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	396.5	-4%	38
Total Shell Egg	1305.2	3%	203

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 165 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 06-Mar-99

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,038,522	23,842	10,195	5,845	2,560	3,219
PW	*1,047,534	*24,047	10,513	5,539	2,658	3,278
LY	1,008,358	23,926	9,041	5,739	2,392	3,199
% PW	-1	-1	-3	6	-4	-2
% LY	3	0	13	2	7	1
1999	*9,303,379	*210,689	92,275	51,744	23,898	29,338
1998	9,182,893	200,868	96,742	54,422	25,173	30,040

**AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -**

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
41.50	*41.41	41.56

\*REVISED

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT** FOR W/E 06-Mar-99

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	261.9	0	-1
E.N. CENTRAL	356.8	-16	-22
W.N. CENTRAL	239.5	7	8
S. ATLANTIC	211.3	7	-4
S. CENTRAL	84.6	-1	9
WEST	229.9	3	-2
TOTAL	1384.0	-2	-6
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		101	101

**Broiler Eggs Set in  
15 Selected States****Broiler Chicks Placed in  
15 Selected States**

STATE	Feb 27 Thousand	Mar 6 Thousand	Feb 27	Mar 6
AL	*26,616	27,425	*19,427	20,199
AR	30,703	30,692	23,715	24,176
DE	4,802	4,722	4,881	5,517
FL	2,920	3,025	*2,460	2,604
GA	*31,458	32,006	*25,284	24,718
MD	8,998	8,999	5,890	5,848
MS	17,666	18,267	15,150	15,111
NC	17,847	18,420	*13,830	13,385
PA	3,913	3,690	2,589	2,624
SC	4,619	4,787	3,736	4,177
TX	*13,480	13,486	*10,241	10,383
VA	6,673	6,849	5,879	5,369
CA, TN, & WV	11,552	11,330	9,500	9,280
15 State Total	*181,247	183,698	*142,582	143,391
Previous Year	176,161	175,704	137,647	140,209
Pct. of Prev.	103	105	104	102

\*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 17-Apr-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 151.2 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 150.3 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 146.9 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 144.7 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.03 CENTS PER POUND.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**-WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 03/04/99-03/10/99

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	48.33	51.00	49.40	51.33	53.10	—	51.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	47.00	—	2.25
GNR W 3	—	—	40.75	41.75	42.00	44.00	3.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	39.00	40.50	1.00
GL W LG	—	59.29	56.05	57.80	53.75	—	30.25
GL W MD	—	49.00	45.17	46.00	43.25	45.50	11.00
GL W SM	—	—	32.00	33.50	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	38.00	39.00	—	36.00	—	42.00	9.50

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 06-Mar-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	28.7	31.8	-10	8
BOSTON	6.4	7.8	-18	-49
CHICAGO	58.0	44.0	32	29
DETROIT	27.3	25.9	5	-6
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	82.9	94.2	-12	-8
NEW ORLEANS	14.2	11.3	26	33
NEW YORK	45.5	44.3	3	9
ST. LOUIS	1.7	1.5	13	-32
SAN FRANCISCO	22.2	20.3	9	-1
TOTAL	287.0	281.2	2	2
4 WK MVG AVG	285.4			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING** 27-Feb-99

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	0	4,844	37	4,881
AVGWT	0.00	25.21	27.38	25.23
LAST WEEK	0	4,259	37	4,296
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	3,832	22	3,854
AVGWT	0.00	26.51(B)	23.50	26.49
TO-DATE/1999	0	36,603(B)	244	36,847
TO-DATE/1998	8	39,336(B)	311	39,655

(B) Includes 134,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 143,000 in 1998.

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 27-Feb-99  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

---YOUNG TURKEYS---				FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
THOUSAND	PW	AVG		RSTR	BAND		AVG
HEAD	% CHG	WT		----THOUSAND		HEAD----	WT
N EAST	1,392	50	21.33	(A)	(A)	1,400	21.37
S ATL	634	9	28.79	(A)	(A)	635	28.80
N CENT	1,971	-4	28.54	(A)	(A)	1,978	28.54
S CENT	538	9	18.71	NONE	NONE	538	18.71
WEST	309	59	25.39	(A)	(A)	330	25.45
U.S.TOTAL	4,844(B)	14	25.21	0	37	4,881	25.23
TO DATE							
1999	36,603(B)			0	244	36,847	
TO DATE							
1998	39,336(B)			8	311	39,655	
(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.							
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 23,000 for the year 134,000; last year to date 143,000.							

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 06-Mar-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	149,611(A)	1,928	1,348	3,276	454
AVGWT	4.94	3.38	7.63	5.13	6.65
LAST WEEK	149,527	2,040	1,356	3,396	464
YR AGO	145,638	1,880	1,197	3,077	432
AVGWT	4.83	3.61	7.67	5.19	6.82
TO-DATE/1999	1,353,624	19,523	11,933	31,456	4,254
TO-DATE/1998	1,309,649	18,216	11,493	29,709	4,064

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 150.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 151.4 million head or 0.8 million head more than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING Mar-13

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/13/99(1)	03/06/99
CLASS-----	THOUSAND HEAD	-----
BRO-FRY	150,806(2)	152,445
LT HENS	2,235	2,080
HVY HENS	1,370	1,498
CHECK TOTAL	154,411	156,023

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 13-Mar-99 is 150.2 million head compared to 147.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 152.6 million head or 2.4 million more than estimated available. For week of 20-Mar-99 the estimated available is 148.5 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JANUARY 30	151.5	151.0	100	4.99
FEBRUARY 6	153.5	149.4	103	5.07
13	152.2	150.0	101	4.97
20	149.4	152.6	98	4.90
27	151.3	151.2	100	5.03
MARCH 6	151.4	150.6	101	4.94
YEAR TO DATE	1,370.0	1,346.5	102	
MARCH 13		150.2		
20		148.5		

**12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

	Change from			
09-Mar-99	02-Mar-99	02-Mar-99	10-Mar-98	
57.32	-0.11	57.43	58.08	
NUMBER OF LOADS	613			

**READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS**

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 3/08-3/13/99.

	U.S. GRADE A	COMPOSITE		
	MAJ WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	47.00-51.00	50.15	52	52.10
Los Angeles	65.00	64.31	63	63.00
New York	49.00-55.00	52.95	45	55.96
				81

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS,** FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/ 8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-63	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-61	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	61	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	60-61	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	61-62	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)**

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 8-Mar-99	2,453	117,856	82,988
AM 1-Mar-99	2,629	119,554	82,349
CHG	-176	-1698	639
PCT CHG	-7	-1	1

**HEN MARKETS**

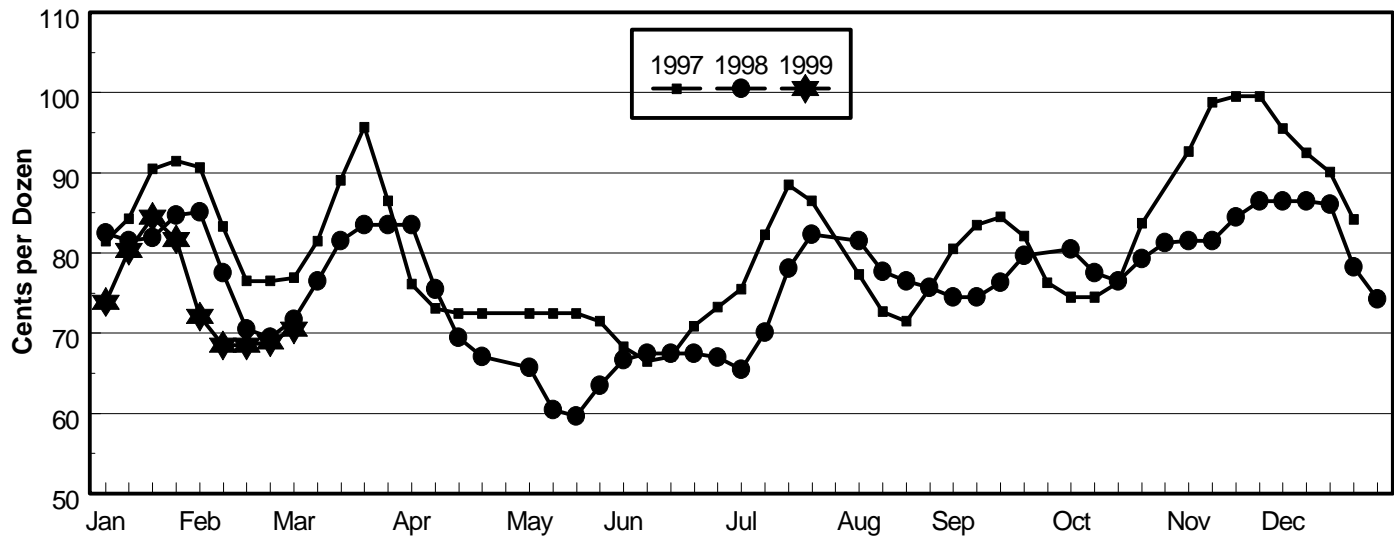
Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
3/8/99	RANGE		
Southeast Heavy	15-20.5(1)	15-20	17.62
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR(2)		
South Central Heavy	17-22(1)	18-19.5	19.36
3/5/99	LIGHT TYPE		
Eastern Light	.5-3(1)	1-1.75	
Eastern Light	TFEWR(2)		
So. Central Light	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central Light	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central Light	1.5-2(2)	2	
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading			
(2) At Farm Producer Loading			

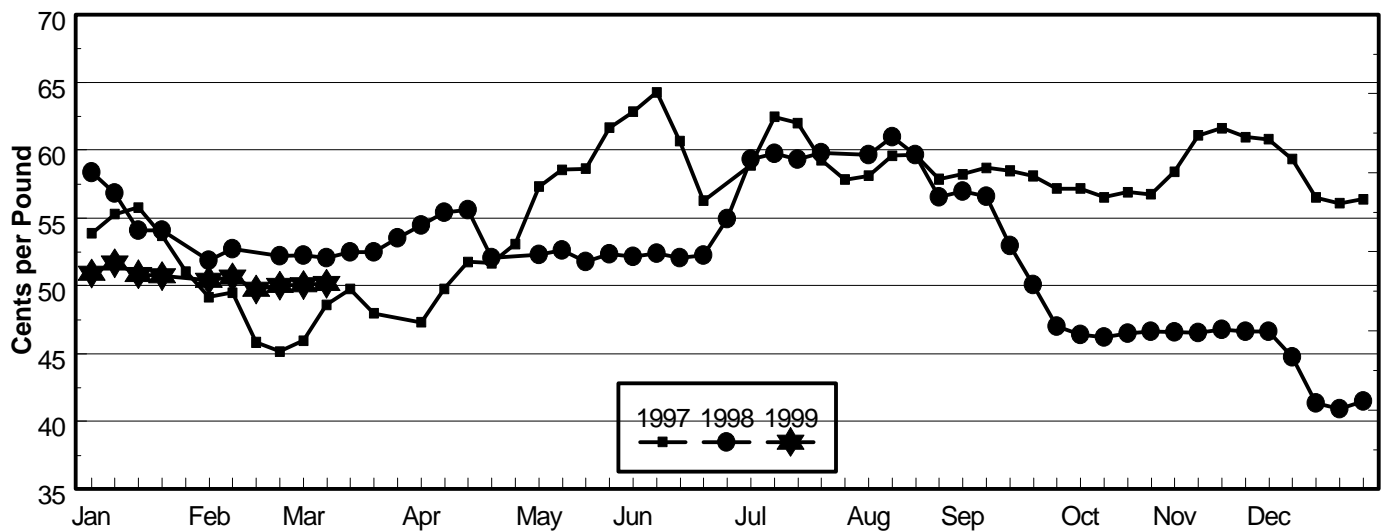
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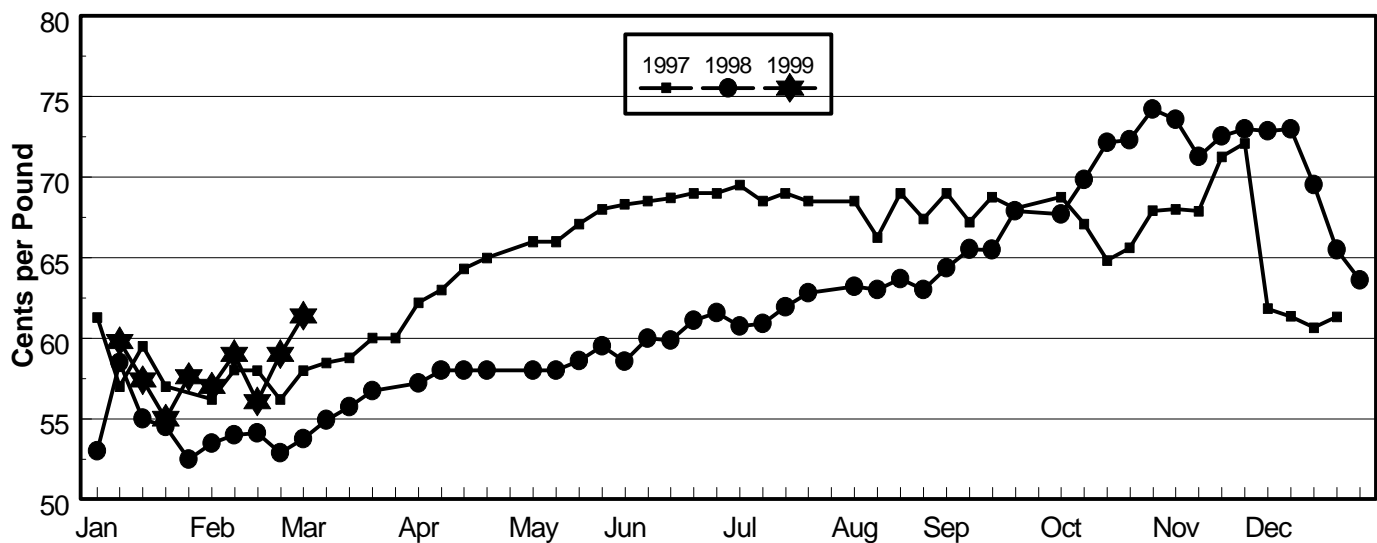
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1997, 1998, 1999



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1997, 1998, 1999



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.